

# GERMAN DIVER AT ENGLAND'S SAFEST HARBOR

Report Current in Paris That Formidable Was Sunk By Teuton Submarine Off Portsmouth Called Haven of the British Navy.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The British battleship Formidable, which sank in the English channel Friday morning with a greater part of the crew, was torpedoed off Portsmouth by a German submarine, according to report current in Paris.

Portsmouth is the chief naval station of England. It is situated at the southwest extremity of Portsea Island, eighteen miles south-east of Southampton and sixty-five miles from London.

Portsmouth harbor is four miles in length, with an equal width and its entrance is only 400 yards across. It has been said in this land locked haven the whole British navy might anchor in perfect security. The arm of the English Channel with which it communicates is the roadstead of Spithead.

Paris, Jan. 2.—An official announcement today says:

"During the night of December 31, January 1, the enemy delivered at numerous points along the front, a series of attacks which were repulsed with ease. The region to the north of the Lys was, during the day of January 1, the scene of a very spirited artillery engagement, which took place on the Dunes of Neuport and at Zonnebeke.

"At St. Georges the enemy did not continue his counter attacks and all our gains have been retained.

"In the region of Arras, of Albert and of Roye, there has been artillery duels. The enemy blew up two of our gun positions between Beaumetz and Achiet. In revenge we demolished the enemy's trenches at Parvillere and at La Boisselle, and we stopped the operations of the mine thrower set up in front of Ericourt.

"Our artillery also obtained happy results in the region of Alsace, where it silenced the artillery of the enemy and dispersed several concentrations of German troops.

"We have installed ourselves on the plateau Neuvion, in certain excavations caused by the explosion of mines. The Germans were not able to either advance or drive us out; all their counter attacks were driven back.

"In the region of Perthes we occupied and retained a forest of two kilometers northwest of Meudun-Hurlus. The enemy did not deliver a counter attack."

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—An official communication issued today says:

"In east Prussia and in the region of Mlawa, we have defeated attempts by the Germans to deliver a counter offensive.

"On the Vistula, opposite Wyszogrod, our armed steamers encountered the infantry of the enemy with success.

"Between the Vistula and lower Pilica, the Germans have begun a series of attacks supported by fire of their heavy artillery. Our troops in an action on the left bank of the river near Witkowitz, repulsed two night attacks. On the Rawa river we repulsed an attack directed against Doletska.

"On December 31 the enemy manifested activity which was particularly intense in the region of the town of Rawa, where fighting still continues.

"South of Pilica, the action has spread out and positions out off on the routes from Vlod-Choro to Kielce.

"In Galicia we made energetic attacks on the enemy in the region of Gorlice near Mchanka and Ropitza where, despite extremely fierce resistance which the enemy offered, we destroyed, after hard fighting, their fortifications established on the heights.

## Anger Makes Belgians Devotees of Fletcherism

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—The first man to find something pleasing in the plight of Belgium has been found in Burgess. He is Horace Fletcher, known the world over as the proclaimer of the theory that the more you chew your food the less you need to eat.

"No scientist could ask for a better laboratory," said Mr. Fletcher gleefully. "I have 8,000,000 people to work on. Out from the world here, we have nothing else to do. However, food is running short, and can be made to last much longer by careful chewing."

Mr. Fletcher went on to speak of the magnificent opportunity for the missionary work presented to him by the present condition of Belgium. He contends that inasmuch as all industry is at a standstill and the people cannot, under military rule, pursue

## U.S. WILL FIGHT WINNER OF WAR

Hudson Maxim Says Contest Is Inevitable Unless Present Conflict Is a Draw.

New York, Jan. 2.—Hudson Maxim, the inventor, declared in an address at the Bedford Presbyterian church, that the United States will have to fight the winner of the European war. He said:

"Whoever wins in the war, we are doomed to fight the winner. The only thing that can save us will be for the conflict to end in a draw."

"After the war is over, should one of the belligerent nations, with its veterans fighting blood up, attack us, how are we prepared to meet that attack?" "Our army and navy men tell us our position is particularly defenseless. They tell us that, should our navy be destroyed or crippled and an army of 100,000 men be landed on our coast, that army could go anywhere it should see fit, live off the country, capture our big cities and hold us up for ransom in spite of all that we could do."

"But let us assume that an invading army of 100,000 men should be landed near New York and send out detachments to capture the places where our arms and munitions of war are made, they would not have far to go."

"At New York and Bridgeport they would find the Winchester and U. M. C. cartridge works and the Winchester Repeating Arms works, and at Springfield, Mass., the armory where our rifles are made."

"At Ilion, N. Y., they would find another arms factory. At Troy, N. Y., they would find one of our most important gun factories and arsenals. They would very easily find our Brooklyn navy yard. They would find the Frankfort arsenal just this side of Philadelphia. They would find most of our explosives and smokeless powder works in the state of New Jersey, at Pompton lakes, at Parlin and at Carney's Point."

"With these captured, we should find ourselves in a pretty pickle. Not only would we be unarmed, but we would have no means of arming ourselves thereafter, while the enemy could arm himself ad infinitum with our own equipment."

Hudson Maxim is a brother of the English inventor, Sir Hiram Maxim.

their usual occupations, they have nothing to do but eat and can devote all their time to getting the full measure of nourishment from their food. He has set about teaching them the way to accomplish this.

Every day at Mr. Fletcher's house, his twelve apostles assemble. They are the first fruits of his campaign, twelve hungry Belgians, who, without Mr. Fletcher's experimental meals, would have a hard time finding anything to eat. They receive two light meals a day, and they earn them by spending two hours or more in chewing each.

The results which Mr. Fletcher expects to demonstrate in the persons of his first chewing squad he will lay before the various relief committees, thereby showing them by actual computation how the available supply of food can be stretched to cover the needs of the entire Belgian nation.

## SITE IS SAVED AT EXPOSITION

Five Thousand Dollar Guarantee Was Made For Building by Mrs. Sutton

Okla. will be represented at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and the Oklahoma building will be in course of construction in a few days. A telegram has been sent to Judge Jesse Dunn, resident member of the commission at San Francisco, authorizing him to receive the bids for the building.

Probably less than half a dozen persons in Oklahoma know how this bid was obtained. It is likely that a still smaller number know how near this state came to losing the site selected for its building, and that it was saved by the action of Mrs. Fred E. Sutton.

The time limit for beginning work on the Oklahoma building at the exposition expired some time ago. At that time no contract had been let for the building and no work had been done. Notice was given that the site would have to be forfeited.

It was then that Mrs. Sutton telegraphed to the exposition officials her personal guarantee of \$5,000 for the erection of the building. Telegrams were sent by the Chamber of Commerce and others stating that the guarantee was perfectly good, and by that means the site was saved. Mrs. Sutton made the guarantee on the assurance of Governor-elect Williams that he would recommend to the legislature that an appropriation of \$5,000 be made. There is little doubt about the legislature taking such action as the governor recommends.

In the greatest measure the success of the movement to have Oklahoma represented at the exposition is due to the efforts of Mrs. Sutton. She has worked tirelessly ever since she was made a member of the Oklahoma-Panama commission. Through her efforts the greater part of the fund now on hand has been raised and had she failed it is reasonable to believe that the movement would have failed.

The crowning act of this patriotic woman was to guarantee \$5,000 of her own money to save the state from the disgrace of losing its building site at the exposition. The fact that she had taken this action has just become known outside of the few who worked with her and it entitles her to the highest praise that can be given by the people of the state.

## MITCHELL FOR SENATE HEAD

Expected That Cheyenne Man Will Be Elected President-Pro tem of Upper House.

It is considered probable today that Senator E. L. Mitchell of Cheyenne will be elected president pro tem of the senate.

Mitchell's friends say that he has twenty-five votes absolutely pledged. As there are but forty-four members of the senate this would be sufficient strength to put him over.

Senator C. C. Shaw of Mill Creek is the only other candidate who is seeking the presidency of the senate. His supporters are claiming that Mitchell's strength is over-estimated and that Shaw can win.

Williams Indifferent. The only element that might change the present situation in the senate contest would be for Governor-elect Williams to get behind a candidate for president pro tem. While Shaw's supporters have been putting him forward as the administration candidate it is understood that Governor-elect Williams has assured Senator Mitchell that he would not object to either him or Shaw landing the place.

Some of the friends of Senator Mitchell today resented a published statement that the civil suit filed in county court here yesterday against Senator Shaw was brought for political purposes. As Mitchell is the only opponent of Shaw some of the friends of the former feel that it was a personal job at their candidate. They strenuously deny that Mitchell's supporters had anything to do with the suit.

W. C. Gears of Tishomingo and State Senator C. C. Shaw were made defendants in a suit for \$450 damages filed in the county court here yesterday afternoon by Mrs. M. B.

## Speaker Clark's Daughter to Wed.



Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of Speaker Champ Clark of the house of representative, who is the best known young woman in Washington, has announced her engagement. She will wed James M. Thompson, publisher of the New Orleans Item. The ceremony will take place some time in the spring or early summer, at her father's home at Bowling Green, Mo. Though she is only nineteen now, she came into national notice at the Baltimore convention in 1912, when she led the cheering for her father when he was named in the convention.

Miss Clark takes considerable interest in politics, and has become acquainted with most of the leaders in Washington. Some of them talk politics with her, and her knowledge of the game has been commented on very often.

## Kirk President of Third House, Suggests Superheated Vapor Board, Gill Chairman of Dope Slingers

A glance at the lobby of the Lee-Huckins hotel would convey the impression that up to the present time mere members of the honorable "third house" have arrived in the city than representatives and senators. Probably forty or fifty of the total membership of the legislature are in the capital while the "lobby squad" and office seekers make up the rest of the scenery.

While members of the house are still worrying over who will be speaker of the "third house" solons have not been idle and have already ironed out their organization difficulties.

General Kirk President. General Brandt Kirk, famous as a candidate for United States senator, ex-Confederate soldier and all around good fellow, has been elected president of the third house. Amos Ewing of Guthrie probably would have been the favorite had not an unkind constituency dragged him from the arms of the common people and elected him to the legislature.

One of the best places at General Kirk's disposal will go to the present state highwayman, Col. Sidney Suggs, who has been slated for the appointment as chairman of the committee on imagination and superheated vapor. Other members of this committee have not yet been named, but it is understood that John Wayne is likely to receive such an assignment.

Eugene Gill, who was a rival of Brandt Kirk for presidency of the "third house," has decided not to carry a contest to Joe Morris but to become a candidate instead for the chairmanship of the committee on but, tonhole bonquets and dope slinging.

The knights of the golden calf are now worshipping at the shrine of the "third house," hoping that it may help them in putting something over.

## HOWARD TO ASK FOR A BIG SUM

State Auditor-Elect Believes Insurance Premiums are Valuable Investments.

E. B. Howard, state auditor-elect and member of the board of public affairs said today that he will ask the coming legislature for a total appropriation of .67,000 to be used in paying premiums on fire insurance carried by the state.

The state now has in force fire policies of a total face value of \$2,421,536. Most of these run from one to three years yet. The state has received by far the best of the bargain in the last year on its fire insurance as it has paid out but \$35,000 in premiums and collected \$113,736.29 from losses on state buildings.

In view of the foregoing state of facts Auditor-elect Howard believes that fire insurance is the best investment the state can make and that every building owned by the commonwealth should be protected at all times with a policy covering its full insurable value.

Mr. Howard will ask for an appropriation of \$30,000 to cover the year 1915 and \$37,000 for 1916. These amounts will be needed in order that the insurance may be renewed for a period of five years. By insuring for five years two years premium can be saved to the state. In the past the legislature has appropriated for public affairs could place its insurance only for three years. This, in the opinion of Mr. Howard, is a short sighted business policy which would not be pursued by a private individual or corporation owning any large amount of property.

Another Report Says French Warship Has Intercepted American Steamer; Caused Diplomatic Correspondence.

Halifax, Jan. 2.—Word has been received that the American tank steamer Brindilla, whose arrest by a British cruiser and detention at Halifax last October was the cause of diplomatic correspondence between the United States and Great Britain, resulting in the steamer's release, again has been intercepted off the coast of Scotland and taken into Aberdeen.

New York, Jan. 2.—Confirmation of the Brindilla's seizure was given today at the offices of the Standard Oil company here, but it was said the ship had been intercepted by a French warship and taken to Brest, France. This information reached the company, it was stated, in a cablegram from Captain Petersen, commander of the Brindilla, by way of London.

THE WEATHER  
Partly cloudy weather tonight and Sunday; somewhat colder Sunday.  
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12 midnight 30  
The movement of the low pressure area that is central near Buffalo has given snow flurries in the Lake region and upper Ohio valley since Friday morning. Generally fair weather, without precipitation, has prevailed in other sections of the country, during the past twenty-four hours. A shallow "low" attended by moderately warm weather, but no precipitation, covers the northeastern slope of the Rockies and the upper Mississippi valley. It is quite cold in the East Gulf and South Atlantic States, with killing frosts in northern Florida. Except as above mentioned, moderate temperatures prevail this morning.

## M'CROORY TO BE SPEAKER ALL OTHERS QUIT RACE

### DOG CAUSES SEARCH.

Neelyville, Mo., Jan. 2.—The Bank of Neelyville was robbed of \$1,000 today by a man who halted the cashier, as he was stepping out of a door, and then locked him in the vault. The robber escaped.

When the bank failed to open at the usual hour, the depositors gathered about the doors. They heard the barking of a dog within, and investigated. The cashier, from the inside of the vault, called out the combination to the doors and was released.

## SWINDLER WORE GARB OF WOMAN

Edwin Parker Believed to Have Cashed Check at an Edmond Bank.

A. E. Page, an employee of the Edmond State bank this morning viewed Edwin Parker, alias Mrs. Brown, arrested yesterday, garbed in woman's clothes and said he was the one who dressed as a woman, passed a forged check for \$30 at the Edmond bank several days ago.

There the supposed woman signed a check as Miss Helen Buchanan and told bank officials that he was the "daughter" of the superintendent of public instruction of Oklahoma City.

As soon as the worthlessness of the check was discovered bank officers called the superintendent for information on the matter. Upon his statement that he had no grown daughter in this state, investigation was made that resulted in the discovery that the Mrs. Brown was the same one who had swindled them. The man had evidently passed the check at Edmond several days after his attempt at the State National bank here according to police.

Will File Charges. Officers of the Oklahoma City bank will file charges against Parker late this afternoon, and officers of the Edmond bank will view the pictures taken by the Bertillon bureau. If they agree upon the identity they also will file charges today.

Parker is being held on a charge of vagrancy until the county authorities take charge of him.

Parker, alias, Mrs. Brown was captured by the police late yesterday afternoon in a boarding house at 912 North Broadway street.

His Capture. Parker was recognized on the street yesterday by a clerk in the bank. He shadowed the man to the North Broadway house and called for police.

When Detective Gordon attempted to enter the room the man, who was at the time disguised as a woman, hailed him with two large revolvers, and told Gordon to leave.

Gordon immediately called for help and Captain Shylen and Dunham answered. They forced entrance to the room, and covered the occupant, who they thought was a woman. In searching "her" for weapons they found that "she" was wearing a wig, which when taken off disclosed the closed cropped hair of a man.

M'Cafferty on Job. Former County Treasurer Assumes Duties as Assistant Secretary of State Under New Officer.

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WILLIAM IN SERIOUS CONDITION SAYS REPORT

London, Jan. 2.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Express says he learns that the condition of Emperor William of Germany who recently was reported as having recovered from an illness is worse than is generally supposed. The correspondent says he is informed that sooner or later the emperor must return to Berlin for an operation on his throat, but is deferring the trip because he is anxious to return only after having secured a crushing victory.

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## Candidates Sign to Support Ringling Man For House Office.

A. McCrory, newspaper editor of Ringling will be the speaker of the house in the coming legislature. This was settled definitely today when all other candidates quit the race and signed a stipulation agreeing to support McCrory.

The break started this morning when C. C. Childers and E. E. Glasco told McCrory that they had decided to get out and would throw their strength to him. Harrison also got out of the running this morning. The last to come into the McCrory camp were Tom Hunter of Hugo and Wash Hudson of Tulsa, each of whom had been making a very active campaign for the speakership. The various candidates went to McCrory's room, 317 Lee-Huckins hotel and signed a statement that they had withdrawn.

Williams to Control. The action this afternoon settles the speakership fight and makes it certain that Governor-elect H. L. Williams will control the legislature. McCrory is a personal friend of long standing of the next chief executive, and he had the support of the next governor from the start.

The candidates who withdrew in favor of McCrory said this afternoon that they had withdrawn in the interests of harmony and of the Democratic party. They declare that the next governor has a right to have a legislature during the coming session which will carry out his policies, especially those upon which he won the governorship and which the people have approved and that their personal interests should be subserved to those of the general welfare.

Last Effort Fails. The candidates against McCrory made a last effort to combine their strength, but they found that the administration influence was too strong and that they could not get the necessary votes. Then they went to McCrory.

It was learned today that Representative Luther Harrison who was reading clerk of the last house probably will be chairman of the committee on education. Harrison has been in Oklahoma City all week working for McCrory.

The candidates who withdrew are Tom Hunter of Hugo, N. B. Maxey of Muskogee; Wash Hudson of Tulsa; Ben Harrison of Calvin; E. E. Glasco of Purcell; Tom Henaley of El Reno; C. C. Childers of Enid.

A. McCrory, the next speaker said this afternoon: "I have won with absolutely clean hands and without making a single promise. I will assume the speakership without having my hands tied in any way."

APPOINT COMMITTEES

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## This Prisoner Refused to Leave Jail and Spoil Show

Providence, R. I., Jan. 2.—Two weeks ago when the warden at the county jail announced that the prisoners could have a minstrel show on New Year's Day if they cared to arrange for it, Ray Farrell, charged with burglary, was selected by the prison manager to be one of four end men in the performance. He agreed readily, said that he would dance and has been reprimanded about a dozen times since for the racket which he created in his cell when practicing.

In the meantime his lawyers found evidence in his case which created doubt of his guilt and when this was presented to the court it was decided that Farrell would get his freedom when arraigned for pleading. His lawyers hurried to the prison with the good news and were told to wait in the reception room while an orderly went for Farrell. They waited an hour.

Finally, becoming impatient, the attorneys asked for the warden, stated their business and again had an orderly sent for the prisoner. After a time the orderly returned.

"He can't come, sir," said the orderly. "He's busy rehearsing."

In response to questions the orderly told about the show that had been arranged for New Year's and explained that Farrell was as good a buck and wing dancer as he had ever seen since he came to the jail.

Anyway, the lawyers were persistent, and after a time Farrell, flushed and nervous, came out to see them.

"What?" exclaimed Farrell. "Leave the jail before New Year's? Oh, say, we've got to cut that right out. I can't go away."

"Well, why not?" asked the astounded attorneys.

"Because, answered the prisoner, I'm going to dance here in a show. Those fellows say I'm great."

So the attorneys, somewhat bewildered, went to the attorney general and assured the success of the New Year performance at the jail.

Today Farrell walked out of the jail.